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MILWAUKEE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD TO SAVE YOUTH FROM STATE PRISON SYSTEM

Change Keeps Juveniles Near Local Support Network, Saves Money

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor David Bowen, District 10, is applauding the unanimous vote (6-0) of the County Board's Health & Human Needs Committee to authorize an alternate, local placement option for juvenile offenders.

The Committee's vote makes the Milwaukee County Juvenile Detention Center a short-term placement option for adjudicated youth and keeps them out of the state facility.

"I commend this Committee, Milwaukee County staff and our allies in Madison for working during the last several years to make this a reality," said Supervisor Bowen. "We've taken a major step toward increasing the number of youth we will save by keeping them in Milwaukee and by lowering recidivism rates, thanks to effective community alternatives and programs."

Bowen also noted the savings to taxpayers associated with the change as it keeps more youth in Milwaukee County's juvenile corrections program, which is less costly than the State institutions.

"Based on my background in working with at-risk youth and in community organizing on juvenile justice issues locally and nationally, my office is committed to keeping youth on a positive path to be contributing members of our community."

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